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SUBJ: NEW YORK STATE TRADE MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

1. ECONOFF HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED SEPT 30 FROM JOHN C. LEWIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE IN BRUSSELS. LETTER ADVISES OF PLANS TO MOUNT NEW YORK STATE TRADE MISSION TO LEBANON, IRAN, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT DURING LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER 1974.

2. NORMALLY WE IN KUWAIT WOULD WELCOME NEW YORK STATE TRADE MISSION. HOWEVER, IF GROUP COMES HERE DURING LATE NOVEMBER EARLY DECEMBER PERIOD IT MUST COMPETE FOR ATTENTION WITH HIGH LEVEL NAM GROUP AND TEXAS IOGA MISSION. PARTLY BECAUSE INABILITY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENTS FOR ECON SECRETARY AND MCARTHUR POSITION EMBASSY SIMPLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY MEANINGFUL SUPPORT TO NEW YORK MISSION, IN LIGHT OF ALREADY BUSY SCHEDULE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC AND EMBASSY BRUSSELS REQUESTED INFORM APPROPRIATE NEW YORK STATE OFFICIALS OF ABOVE AND URGE THEM TO CONSIDER DELAYING MISSION UNTIL LATE WINTER OR SPRING 1975. IN KUWAIT, AT LEAST, EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL MISSION ARE GREATER IF

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NEW YORK GROUP CAN POSTPONE THEIR TRADE MISSION A FEW MONTHS.

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